

If other countries can protect their families, then why can't we?

American families deserve to know where each politician stands.

STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, with his poll numbers tanking, President Biden is trying to buy off voters with mass student loan forgiveness. While this elitist handout may win over his radical progressive base, it is a slap in the face to taxpayers, especially those who never went to college or spent years paying off their own loans.

Make no mistake, blanket loan forgiveness is simply retroactive free college.

Why should a farmer in Idaho or a construction worker in New Jersey pay the tuition bills of an Ivy League lawyer or a wealthy doctor?

Taxpayers are already footing the bill for Biden's student loan repayment moratorium at the cost of \$5 billion every month. Now the Biden administration wants to take hundreds of billions more for his student loan forgiveness scam.

This is wrong and unfair.

INFLATION IS NOT JOE BIDEN'S FAULT

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, during the break, I had the opportunity to participate in the Transatlantic Dialogue. We had members of parliaments from maybe six or seven different nations: Ireland, Germany, Serbia, and Croatia—all over Europe.

I asked what the rate of inflation was, and in every country, it was 8, 9, and 10 percent. And I asked them if their parliaments didn't blame Biden for it? They laughed. Of course, they laughed.

Inflation is a worldwide problem. We are doing what we can. It is caused by the awful coronavirus and the effects it has had on production in China. And it has hurt our opportunities to continue our manufacturing as we saw it before.

Gasoline prices have increased the same amount in Europe as they have here.

And is it Joe Biden's fault?

No. It is OPEC, and it is Russia. Prices have gone up about 30 percent since they invaded Ukraine.

All Americans should want and should work together to reduce inflation and oil prices. But it is not Joe Biden's fault. It is a worldwide problem.

BIDENFLATION

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, costs for everyday products and services continue to rise, and American families are suffering. Gas costs have doubled under Biden, reaching the highest level ever for the price of gas today.

In the last year we have all experienced price increases for everyday items, including: eggs up 22 percent, chicken up 16 percent, bacon up 17 percent, milk up 14 percent, roasted coffee up 14 percent, and breakfast cereal up 12 percent.

It is not uncommon for a can of soup on the shelf to be marked at 65 cents, but at checkout, it registers \$1. A Dollar Store had all merchandise for \$1 until Valentine's Day, but now all merchandise is \$1.25.

Due to policies pushed by Biden and Democrats, everyday families are left to suffer the effects. America should resume the Trump policies of all-of-the-above energy.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years in the global war on terrorism as it continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

VETERANS DESERVE WORLD-CLASS HEALTH CARE

(Mr. MRVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in appreciation that H.R. 4951, the VA Electronic Health Record Transparency Act, legislation I introduced and was approved by the House last year, has now been approved by the Senate and is being sent to the President's desk to be signed into law.

Throughout my career, I have been privileged to have close working relationships with veterans and veteran service organizations throughout northwest Indiana. These established relationships are what motivated me to secure a position to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

As chairman of the Technology Modernization Subcommittee, I have seen the great need for Congress to conduct oversight and have accurate information to ensure that the electronic health record modernization program is able to meet the needs of our veterans.

I thank the leaders of the Senate for also seeing the value of this legislation. And as we move forward, I look forward to obtaining the requested information and continuing our work to ensure that all veterans receive the world-class healthcare they deserve.

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FOOD SECURITY

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, President Biden recently promised us food shortages in the United States. This is the country that leads the world in production. Well, that is one heck of a campaign promise being kept. Food shortages, along with energy skyrocketing; what a reset.

Indeed, my home State of California, which produces so much of what America relies on, due to Federal and State policies, the water has been taken away. Up on the Klamath Basin, zero water allocation.

I just drove around part of my west side of the district the other day, and there are miles and miles of open land that is not growing rice; that they are trying to put all that water toward trying to keep orchards alive. The waterfowl are not coming in. The jobs are not happening; all because of a backwards campaign promise, evidently, to put food shortages out there for people.

Empty shelves in the supermarket; it is unbelievable that this is what this administration—and what are they doing? What are they doing?

We are not getting more water facilities built. We are not getting more storage made. No, we are just continuing down the same path to try and save fish that don't exist in the delta, or that are being marketed by people catching them up on the rivers and out in the ocean.

I guess that is why everybody is leading the charge these days in cheering for: Let's go, Brandon.

SAVING LIVES

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Buffalo, Tulsa, Philadelphia. Mr. Speaker, I won't be talking about guns. I will be talking about saving lives.

My deepest sympathy to my colleague in Texas that represents Uvalde, and to the people of Texas. And I am going to be repetitive this week. It is going to be about saving lives and explaining to the American people that people take guns to kill. It may be suicide, but it is certainly mass murders. We are up to 200 mass murders up to this date.

But the most stark of what we see is that grocery store shoppers in Buffalo, killed by white supremacy and guns, automatic weapons; here in Uvalde, these precious children, killed by guns, automatic weapons.

We have to pass protecting our children's act, and we must also pass a 7-day waiting period, which I will be introducing to deal with automatic weapons because guns kill.

And the question that all of my colleagues must ask: Do you believe in humanity? Do you have courage? And can you act? That is the only question to save lives.

OUR BORDER IS NOT SECURE

(Mr. SMITH of Missouri asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)